



9th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Closure due to Strike Action on 15th and 16th March 2023

The National Education Union [NEU] are continuing their industrial action with two further days of strike action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. These are the final days of the four that were planned.

As highlighted in previous letters our school has an exceptionally high number of NEU members. Approximately three quarters of the teachers will be on strike and teachers in other unions cannot cover the lessons of striking colleagues. It will therefore not be possible to open the whole school on these days as shown below.

Wednesday 15th March – School closed to all students except Year 7

Thursday 16th March – School closed to all students except Year 8

GCSE Drama students are asked to attend on Thursday to prepare for their assessed performance on Friday.

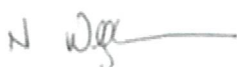
These year groups have been selected for attendance on these days as more of their teachers will be present in comparison with other year groups. However additional staff are being brought in to enable students to attend, so lessons will vary from those shown on our published curriculum plans.

Students not in school should work online at home. Those teachers not striking will provide online lessons through our Google Classroom platform. Students should follow their usual school timetable and check into the google classroom each period to see whether a lesson is being provided. In the event that a lesson is not available then students should use alternative online resources such as Oak National Academy.

Supermarket vouchers can be provided for those students who receive a free school meal, please contact our reception and they will be pleased to advise how these can be obtained.

As you are aware this is a national strike, further details of the reasons for this action can be found on the NEU website, however please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the impact on our school. The Unions are in talks with the Government and it is hoped an agreement can be reached soon.

Yours sincerely,



Mr N. K. Willingham
Headteacher